

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A video conference network platform for managing a plurality of at least two video conference network devices each having unique operational attributes for facilitating video conference calls, the video conference network platform comprising:

a video conference network interface module operable to interface with the plurality of at least two video conference network devices and to represent at least one of the plurality of the at least two video conference network devices as an corresponding interface objects;

one or more management applications operable to manage a video conference network device represented as an application object; and

an adapter engine associated with the video conference network interface module, the adapter engine and operable to create an a corresponding application object for each of said at least one of the plurality of two video conference network devices, the each application object corresponding to the a respective interface object for the at least one of the plurality of video conference network devices and having a common format, each application object including operational attributes obtained via an interrogation of the respective video conference device by the adaptor engine, and

one or more management applications operable to manage the at least two video conference network devices via their respective application and interface objects.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 further comprising:

an override interface object associated with the video conference network interface, the override object operable to accept a request for an interface object and to direct the request to an application object corresponding to the interface object.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 further comprising:

a discovery engine associated with the video conference network interface, the discovery engine operable to detect each of the plurality of at least two video conference network devices and initiate creation of an object to represent each detected video conference network device.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The video conference network platform of Claim 3 wherein the discovery engine initiates creation of an application object by the adapter engine, the adapter engine further operable to initiate creation of a corresponding interface object by the video conference network interface.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The video conference network platform of Claim 4 wherein the adapter engine incorporates attributes of the interface object into the corresponding application object.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the interface object comprises a managed object.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the application object comprises a Management Bean.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the one or more management applications~~management application~~ comprises a video conference scheduling application.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the one or more management applications~~management application~~ comprises a video conference diagnostics application.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the one or more management applications~~management application~~ comprises a video conference monitoring application.

Claims 11-19 (Cancelled).

Claim 20 (New): A method of managing at least two video conference network devices each having unique operational attributes, the video conference network platform comprising:

interfacing a video conference network interface module with the at least two video conference network devices and representing the at least two video conference network devices as corresponding interface objects;

creating an application object for each of said at least two video conference network devices, each application object corresponding to a respective interface object and having a common format, each application object including operational attributes obtained via an interrogation of the respective video conference device by the adaptor engine, and

managing the at least two video conference network devices via their respective application and interface objects by one or more management applications.

Claim 21 (New): The method of Claim 20 further comprising:
accepting a request for an interface object and directing the request to an application object corresponding to the interface object.

Claim 22 (New): The method of Claim 20 further comprising:
detecting each of the at least two video conference network devices with a discovery engine and initiating creation of an application object to represent each detected video conference network device.

Claim 23 (New): The method of Claim 22 wherein the step of initiating creation of an application object is followed by creation of the application object by the adapter engine and the adapter engine initiating creation of a corresponding interface object by the video conference network interface.

Claim 24 (New): The method of Claim 23 further comprising incorporating, by the adapter engine, attributes of the interface object into the corresponding application object.

Claim 25 (New): The method of Claim 20 wherein the interface object comprises a managed object.

Claim 26 (New): The method of Claim 20 wherein the application object comprises a Management Bean.

Claim 27 (New): The method of Claim 20 wherein the one or more management applications comprises a video conference scheduling application.

Claim 28 (New): The method of Claim 20 wherein the one or more management applications comprises a video conference diagnostics application.

Claim 29 (New): The method of Claim 20 wherein the one or more management applications comprises a video conference monitoring application.

Claim 30 (New): A video conference system, comprising:
at least one video conference end point; and
the video conference network platform recited in any one of Claims 1-10.